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filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Attorney Docket Number	TS 98-518C
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